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A word about the FORM-19 Masthead. Model Railroading in the Digital Age is the slogan of the Newsletter. In keeping with this line we will feature images depicting aspects of digital modeling. Currently we are showcasing an image from John Hanske of his JMRI dispatcher station on his Burlington Southern Railroad. You can send your images for possible use in the masthead to chart7968@yahoo.com.

DIVISION EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

Michiana Division
Meeting
11:00am to 12:00pm
EASTERN TIME
ATTEND USING THE
ZOOM APP
LINK WILL BE PROVIDED
Clinic:
CAB RIDE ON THE
BURLINGTON
SOUTHERN
By: John Hanske

PLEASE, STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY

Welcome to the FORM-19 for September 2020

Invitation: Please join us in our meetings for fellowship and learning with other model railroad enthusiasts. We meet on the 3rd Saturday, almost every month. See the time and topic at http://michiananmra.org/meetings.html, as well as topics from previous meetings. The next meeting is September 19, using "Zoom," so you can view it via the Internet. We will not meet in person because of COVID-19. You will receive an email via "groups.io" with the link to join the meeting scheduled for 10:00am CT/11:00am ET. If you want to participate vocally, you will need a microphone for your connected device. More info/instructions will be part of the message with the link to join the meeting. You will be able to test your speakers' volume before the meeting starts. Once the meeting starts, if you don't hear anything, check that your speakers are not muted. To about using https://support.zoom.us. The link for the meeting on September 19 will be posted in an email to you from the groups list.

Future meetings & ideas for topics: When we resume physical meetings, we would like to alternate locations between eastern and western areas of the Division, attracting more members from west of La Porte. Also, we may be able to "Zoom" the meetings for those who cannot attend in person. We invite you to suggest topics interesting to you. You can do this by posting your ideas on the Division's **groups.io**. Meeting locations and other attractions are mapped at the <u>Division web site</u> and click on "Michiana Division Interactive Map".

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Ron Christensen was our August presenter.

What you missed at the August Division ZOOM Meeting. Cab Ride the Milwaukee Road

We had 15 people participating in the ZOOM meeting for Ron's presentation.

Ron models the C&NW and the Milwaukee Road thru some small towns in Iowa. Ron took us on a cab ride thru the exciting towns of Vining, Tama and past Gladstone, Iowa. Ron combined his videos with still pictures and related his layout with the history of growing up in the area he models.

Ron is our current Michiana Division Superintendent.

Ron's presentation was recoded and we hope to post it soon.

Thanks to all those who attended the August online clinic and we look forward to seeing you next time.

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John Hanske is our September presenter.

Cab Ride on the Burlington Southern

John Hanske is back with us again, this time with a tour of his Burlington Southern railroad. John models a western route from central California through Oregon and Washington. John will take us on a cab ride along the route and give us a taste of the Pacific Northwest

NMRA Video Library

Have you checked out the Video Library lately? The library is located in the Members Only area on the NMRA.org website. The library is continually updated with videos from clinics presented during conventions, and other member meets. Additionally, videos are being added often from Model Railroader Video Plus and from Model Railroader Hobbyist TrainMasters TV presentations. Just sign in to the Members Only area of the NMRA online website. then click on the big blue box 'VIDEO LIBARARY'. Happy viewing.



Did you know? There are a number of informational ways for you to stay connected with the NMRA beside the NMRA magazine. They include the 'e Bulletin' that is published every other month. The NMRA TURNTABLE that is published every month. Both of these come directly to your inbox via email. Just make sure the NMRA home office has your current email address to receive these issues. Past editions can be found in the Members Only area on the NMRA website: www.nmra.org

The NMRA @ home. Here is another way to increase your modeling knowledge and get some additional reading time about model railroading for free. Every other month in the NMRA magazine lim Zinser, MMR, hosts articles from various Region and Division Newsletters. You can do your own investigating by going to www.nmra.org , click on Regions, then Regions and Divisions. From the list click on any Region and you will be taken to their website. From there you will usually see their Region Newsletter and a list of their Divisions. You will find there is probably enough reading material to keep you busy for many hours of learning more about modeling and the NMRA.

COMING SOON

We have been holding back the latest videos from our Division ZOOM meetings and other event videos. We hope to have our own Michiana Division YouTube Channel soon. We will be transferring previous videos and others into that channel. We'll let you know as soon as it is available.

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The Michiana Division was activated effective September 13, 2009. Includes the following counties in Indiana: Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, and Starke. Includes the following county in Michigan: Berrien and Cass.

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